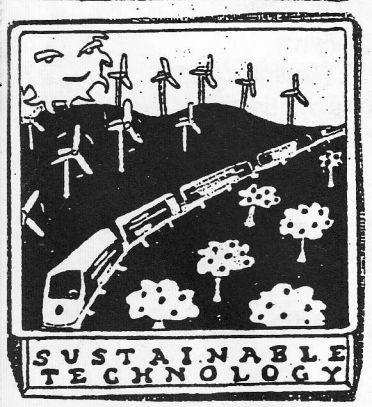

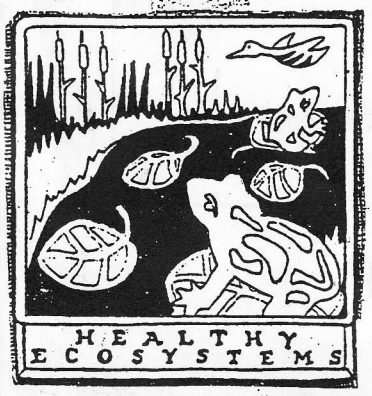

EARTH AWARENESS RALLY & PARADE

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A Celebration of biodiversity for people of all ages!

Sunday, March 26th

COPLEY SQUARE RALLY – 1:00 P.M.
PARADE – 3:00 P.M.
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Cooking, puppet pageant,
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Come and enjoy live music, puppets, theater, entertainment, and education about

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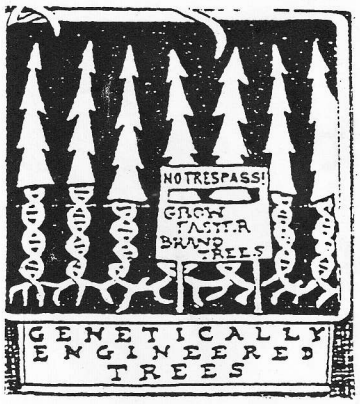

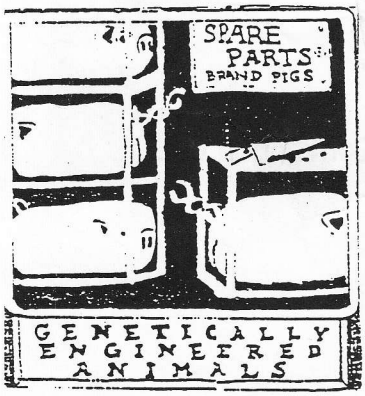

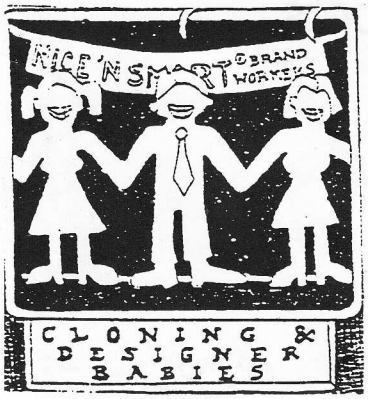

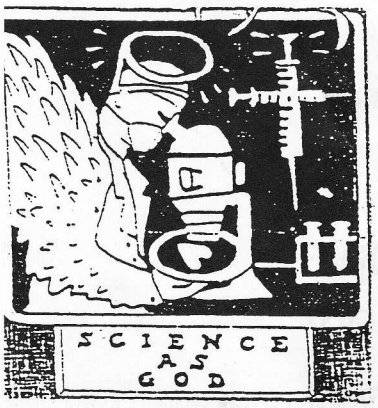

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Biodevastation 2000

conference/teach-in

Resistance and Solutions to the Corporate Monopoly on Power, Food and Life

Northeastern University
Boston, MA

March 24-26

Featured Speakers include:
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Volunteers are needed for conference planning, logistics, food, outreach, etc.
Donate to this grassroots event to support space costs, media work, outreach, speakers' travel, etc.

For more information: www.biodev.org, nerage@sover.net
To get involved: 617-524-7841, or 1-877-9RESIST
E-mail: biod2000@jamaicaplain.com (Boston area)

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july 2, 2000

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jay sand, direct action media network & cynthia peters, media activist

the indy media revolution

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the monopoly, the corporate press release and advertising...where's the truth?

introduction to imc boston

indy media makers will be divided into video, radio, print & photo groups to discuss reporting, training & boston indy media outlets

music by:

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time: 1pm - 3:30pm
location: spontaneous celebration
55 danforth st.
jamaica plain, ma (orange line, stony brook t stop)
cost: we're asking for a suggested donation of $10 to help fund the direct action media network, imc boston & the bands

or watermelon will be served!

are you sick of being subjected to **corporate propaganda** passing as objective news?

are you ready for **information** dissemination **by, about & for the people?**

what is imc boston

Independent Media Centers are sprouting up around the world in conjunction with the anti-globalization movement . IMC Boston was created to help facilitate dissemination of information during Biodevastation 2000 in Boston at the end of March. Riding off the energy from Biodev and other Boston-based activism, a group of people has formed to create a permanent independent media center here boston with the goals of:

Covering political activism & social change issues within the greater Boston area.

Disseminating coverage to existing independent media outlets worldwide.

Offering media training & resources for activists & groups organizing events in Boston.

for more information call kim at 617-787-3556, or check us out at http://boston.indymedia.org

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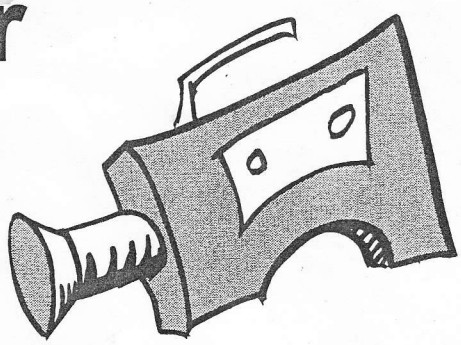

with your cameras, camcorders and discmen to document the real debates on October 3!

The Boston Independent Media Center is looking for voluteers to cover counter debate events beginning Sept. 15 and running through October 5. Writers, film makers, radio enthusiasts and photographers are all needed to help document what the mainstream media doesn't want you to know about the effects of the current political system on Boston area residents.

Media Projects

Print: Write or take photos for uploading to the web and for use in IMC PDF News Sheets.

Video: Help collect and produce one 1/2 hour news shows for distribution on local cable access stations

Audio: Collect audio footage for webcasting on the IMC Boston website and local radio stations.

We also need volunteers to help staff the IMC beginning September 25, 2000 through October 4. Check out www.boston.indymedia.org for the latest information about IMC Boston hours of operation for the coming weeks.

3593 Washington St. J.P. **(Take the orange line to Forest Hills, Walk one blk. north on Washington, office on left side of the street.)**

For more info. check www.boston.indymedia.org or call the info. line at 617-256-8920

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Seizing the Times

Sunday, October 1, 2000

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Changing the Meaning of Mass Action

Photo by David Hanks www.artandrevolution.org

On Tuesday, two presidential candidates will take the stage at UMASS Boston to debate their visions of how they'll run our government during the next four years. Meanwhile, a very different dialogue will be taking place on the streets outside, one that asks the questions: In what kind of democracy are only two candidates permitted to participate in the debate? In what kind of democracy is the choice of Presidential candidates limited to two men hailing from families of privilege and power, who represent at most a fraction of the population? And finally what does it mean to vote in a political system where corporate influence is everywhere and the voice of the people is but a whisper?

Boston based street theatre troupe Class Acts, Freedom Rising puppeteers and others are preparing a puppet pageant and street theatre spectacle to expose the ballot box's shortcomings and illustrate the stranglehold wealth and power have over "democracy" in the U.S.

David Solnit, member of the traveling affinity group Freedom Rising notes: "Our goal is to creatively break down the role of elections in our society and how they hurt our communities and the environment, and to collectively envision the way [society] could be if the people ran it themselves. We see the debates as the grand spectacle legitimizing the façade that masks the political and economic system at the root of all our problems. It's their giant puppet show, so we're mounting our own puppet show as a counter spectacle."

With their motto, "Art is not a mirror to reflect reality, but a hammer with which to shape it," Freedom Rising is attempting to change the face of mass actions by integrating radical political critiques with colorful puppets, engaging street theatre and a sound that makes even the stalwart non-dancers groove to the beat.

Actions in the last year have often used puppets to illustrate problems with existing political structures and economic systems. Yet, few performances have attempted to engage the audience in creating concrete solutions. This Tuesday, as the performance concludes, audience members—including unionists, Naderites, and local residents—will be encouraged to break into groups and address the question, "How do we reclaim our political power?" The goal: transform the people's voice from a whisper into a roar.

"People do not recognize that voting is a means of turning your political power over to someone else. With this performance we hope to encourage people to reclaim their political power through means other than

cal power through means other than the ballot box," commented Josh W., a member of BOOM, the group organizing the street dialogue.

Organizers of the street dialogue believe our political structure leaves little physical space or opportunity for public dialogue. "Instead of sitting at home and being talked at by people who do not resemble us or represent us, we are encouraging people to come out into the streets and begin to address the reasons why we no longer have decision-making power in our own communities," said Josh.

Participating community groups represent a spectrum of local and global concerns. They are acting because they feel their issues will be excluded from the Presidential Debates. For example, residents from Dorchester and Roxbury will march from Dudley Sq. to protest the death penalty, which both candidates support. Marchers will call for an end to the boom in prison construction. Today, the U.S. has the highest percentage of citizens behind bars. Marchers will demand increased funding for health care, education and housing instead of prisons.

During the street dialogue, participants will hammer out ways that communities can reclaim their power to implement solutions like those suggested by the Mumia coalition. Tuesday's street dialogues may give rise to a new style of protest with the potential to extend the energy of mass actions into a grassroots, community-based political movement.

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--David Solnit

The Independent Media Center (IMC) is a network of collectively run media outlets for the creation of radical, objective, and passionate tellings of the truth.

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EVENTS

TODAY (SUNDAY OCT. 1)

4:00pm: Professor Andres Barreda from Mexico offers an in-depth workshop on the relationahip between environmental issues and the repression against indigenous communities in Chiapas. TecsChange Office, 83 Highland St, Roxbury.

6:00pm: Puppet making at Spontaneous Celebration. 45 Danforth, Jamaica Plain (Stonybrook stop on Orange Line).

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

Noon: UMass students rally to protest the closing of campus for the Presidential debates. 1 Beacon Street (at the corner of Tremont, near Goverment Center T stop).

10:00am - 2:00pm: Picket of the Pfizer pharmaceutical corporation led by Mass Senior Action Council. Meet and rally at IBEW 103, Freeport Street, Dorchester, then take buses to Pfizer building.

4:30pm - 6:30pm: Alternative Debate between representatives of the Green Party, Labor Party, and Socialist Party. MIT, 25 Ames Street, Room 66-110.

6:00pm: Tashlich action with Tekiah. Meet at Boston side of the Charles River, near the foot of the Aruthru Fiedler Bridge.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

Noon: Freedom for Sale Trail. A march through downtown Boston to the corporations that are sponsoring the debates. Meet at the Park Street T Station in the Boston Common.

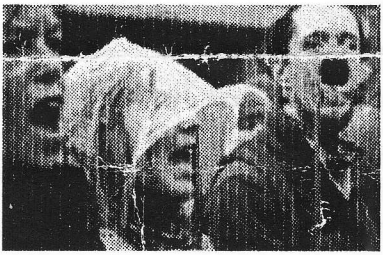
4:00pm: Human Needs, not Prisons march. From Dudley Square to Columbus Park. March begins at 6:00pm.

7:00pm: Debate in the Streets. A mass street party and people's debate during the closed Presidential debates. Morrissey Blvd., across the street from the UMass campus. Meet at the NW corner of Columbus Park in S. Boston.

Take action

at the first presidential

debate



100 million Americans will watch on television as 100 thousand people demand real democracy, social justice, and an end to corporate rule!

Boston - Tuesday, October 3

Convergence including teach-ins, training, and action-planning **Sept 28 - Oct 2**

Student power conference to build a regional campus action network **Sept 30 - MIT**

www.bostonmobilization.org

The o3 Mobilization is being put together by an expanding coalition of individuals and organizations. Get involved and help make history! **Call 617 354-0008 or email mobilize@jps.net**

Why take action at the first presidential debate?

Most likely, the upcoming presidential debate will include only the two major party candidates, and will be confined to meaningless sound bytes rather than an open, honest discussion of the issues. Even if Green party candidate Ralph Nader is included, 100 thousand students, union members, activists, and ordinary Americans will send a strong message to the corporate system - and the 100 million Americans watching on TV - that our issues must not be ignored.

What is being planned for October 3?

Everything imaginable, from marches and creative theater to an alternative debate to a High School walk out and mass civil disobedience. The week before will include teach-ins in Boston's diverse communities, creative action planning, a student conference, and much more.

How will I get to Boston and where will I stay?

Drive your car, ride your bike, walk, take a train, bus, or plane. We'll be organizing caravans, and local groups will organize buses. Do your best to find a place to stay on your own. If you can't, we'll make sure one of Boston's 100 thousand college students will accommodate you.

How can I get involved?

The success of this action will depend on the involvement of thousands of people. Begin organizing now by forming a local o3 network, organizing talks in your school or community, getting local groups on board, forming an affinity group, organizing a caravan, donating money, contacting us...

Isn't it anti-democratic to take action at a debate?

No. It is anti-democratic to hold corporate-sponsored "debates" that exclude all but a narrow realm of corporate opinion. Real democracy means a real debate.

Get involved today! Call (617) 354-0008 or email mobilize@jps.net

O3 Related Events Needing Media Coverage

Monday, September 25, 2000

PUBLIC EDUCATION AND PUBLIC SPENDING

UMASS Boston Teach-In # 4
Monday September 25 –
Time: 2:30-5:00
Location: UMASS Boston Lipke Auditorium (Red line to UMASS/JFK T Stop, bus to UMASS Boston)
* Annie Zarin from the Lynn Teachers Union and the International Socialist Organization.
* Representative from the Mass. Labor Party.
* Representative from Fair Test.
For more info. check out www.expandthedebates.org

Community Strike Support Rally for Clinical Social Workers of SEIU Local 285

Time: 3:30 to 5:30 pm
Location: Family Service of Greater Boston (FSGB) at 31 Heath Street in Boston.
Directions: (corner of Columbus Avenue, one block north of Jackson Square Station, Orange Line).
Description: The clinical social workers of SEIU Local 285 who work for FSGB have been pushed into a strike by director Randal Rucker. Rucker wants to bust the union at FSGB and is willing to spend untold amounts of money in order to do so. It has become clear that for Rucker this is not about money. IT'S ONLY ABOUT BUSTING THE RIGHT OF THE WORKERS TO HAVE A UNION.
For more information call Brian Wilder at (617) 442-4100 X 109.
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Global Community Forum for Economic Justice

Monday, September 25, 2000
Time: 6-9 PM
Location: Roxbury Community College, Roxbury Academic Building, Room 121
Directions: Roxbury Crossing T, Orange Line
(Translation into Spanish, Portugese and Creole will be available)
Description: We're told that globalization is inevitable--but what kind of globalization? The International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank, and other "business first" policies and practices are jeopardizing communities around the world as well as here in Boston. This forum will address how we can rebuild our communities together in the face of corporate globalization.
"How did corporate globalization affect me where I came from?"
"How does it affect me now in the US?"
An evening of testimonials by members of different immigrant communities of the greater Boston area (including Haiti, the Dominican Republic, Puerto Rico, Brazil and Senegal) will ask these questions and offer their experiences. Afterwards, all participants are invited to strategize, "What can we do about it?" Come be part of the answer.
Contact Jean Carmel St. Juste at 617-542-7654, ext. 14 for more information.

Tuesday, September 26, 2000

S26 Solidarity IMF/World Bank Protest

DROP THE DEBT! DROP THE PRICES!
Time: 5pm Rally, 6pm March to Pfizer Pharmaceuticals
Location: Rally at MIT steps of Student Center off Mass. Ave.
Description: When the International Monetary Fund and World Bank try to help Third World countries, corporate profits go up, and so do poverty and suffering. On September 26th the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund groups meet in Prague to propose policies that support a corporate agenda at the expense of people and the environment. Pharmaceutical companies such as Pfizer, Inc. make AIDS treatments prohibitively expensive and maintain patents that do not allow the importation of cheaper generic drugs. A generic dose of one drug used to treat a disease associated with AIDS costs about 70 cents in Thailand while Pfizer charges about $7.50 a dose in South Africa. The poor countries of sub-Saharan Africa now owe more than $200 billion in foreign debt. Ongoing debt payments mean less money for prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS. Join us as we demonstrate in solidarity with actions against corporate targets around the world!
For More Info Contact: Cassie Watters @ Jobs With Justice 617-524-8110

Noam Chomsky on World vs. Banks: Globalization, Democracy and Human Rights

Time: 7pm
Location: MIT Room 26-100
Description; Noam Chomsky will present the dirt on the IMF/World Bank policies.

Wednesday, September 27, 2000

HEALTH CARE AND SOCIAL SECURITY

UMASS Boston Teach-In #5
Time: 2:30-5:00
Location: UMASS Boston, Lipke Auditorium
*Judith Atkins, President District 2, United Electrical Workers Union
* Phil Mamber, President, Mass Senior Action

Thursday, September 28, 2000

GLOBALIZATION

UMASS Boston Teach-In #6
Time: 7:00-10:00
Location: UMASS Boston, Lipke Auditorium
Description/Speakers:
*Michael Albert editor of Z Magazine.
* Arthur MacEwan Professor of Economics at UMass, author of Neoliberalism or Democracy?
* Robert Naiman Senior Policy Analyst at the Center for Economic and Policy Research (DC).
* Representative from the National Organization for Women.

* Protect and Expand Medicare
* Adopt Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage and Price Controls
* No Privatization of Social Security
* Universal Health Care for All

Send a Message to the Presidential Candidates
On October 3rd the Democratic and Republican presidential candidates will come together in Boston for the first in a series of national debates. On October 2nd seniors, people with disabilities, legislators and others will gather in Boston to frame the issues that are uppermost in the minds of seniors this election season.
For More Information call Mass Senior Action Council at (617) 350-6722.

Rally to Free UMASS Boston

Time: Noon
Location: 1 Beacon St. Near Govt. Center
Description: The Presidential Debates are happening at UMASS Boston and as a result the university has cancelled classes for both Monday and Tuesday, forbidding any students to be on campus. Students will be protesting the use of school funding to prepare for the debates.
For more information: www.expandthedebate.org

Tuesday, October 3, 2000

FREEDOM FOR SALE TRAIL

Time: Begins at noon at
Location: Park St. Station
Description: With the debates back on, we are moving forward on holding a "Freedom for Sale, Trail" march and direct action (of whatever type folks feel compelled to do). We will have music and puppets and march through the downtown visiting various corporate wankers as we go.... (we should be done by 2pm...in plenty of time to move to the next event) We ain't asking anyone's permission to do this (including the city) so expect the un-expected..

Boston March on the Death Debates

Time: Rally 5-6pm, March 6pm
Location: Rally Dudley Sq. (Orange line to Ruggles and shuttle bus to Dudley)
Description: Calling or more money for education, health care and housing instead of more prisons, residents of Roxbury and Dorchester will be taking their message to the presidential debates.
For more info: Boston Coalition for Mumia Abu-Jamal email: boston4mumia@mediaone.net

Debate in the Streets!

Time: ???
Location: Somewhere between Morrissey Blvd., UMASS Boston & Columbus Park (Red line to UMASS Boston T stop)
Description: Street theatre, public forums, puppetry and festivities will be taking place in the streets on October 3 on the route to UMASS Boston. Labor unions, Mumia supporters and residents from the Dorchester area among others will be out in full force.

Friday, September 29, 2000

Boston Critical Mass

Time: Meet 5:30 pm
Location: Copley Sq.
Description: The last Friday of every month, bicycle enthusiasts take to the streets to educate drivers about the benefits of bicycle riding. Recommended that you bring a bike to cover this one.
For more info: www.bostoncriticalmass.org

THE DEATH PENALTY (Organized by the Free Mumia Coalition.)

Time: 6:30-9:30
Location: UMASS Boston, Lipke Auditorium (Take the red line to UMASS Boston JFK T Stop and the bus to UMASS Boston)
Description:
* Moderated by City Counselor Chuck Turner.
* Taped message from Mumia Abu-Jamal on death row.
* Ramona Africa from MOVE.
* Steven Hawking lawyer for Mumia's federal appeal.
* Laywer Johnson former MA death row inmate.
* Monica Moorehead presidential candidate for the Workers World party.
* Professor Becky Thompson of Simmons College and Academics for Mumia.
* Kazi Toure former political prisoner.

For more information and other events: www.expandthedebate.org

Saturday, September, 30 2000

Student Power Conference

Time: 9:30 – 6pm
Location: MIT Building 10 Room 260
Directions: Take the Red line to Kendall MIT
Description: The purpose is to: bring together students who are interested in making social change; educate students about social issues; teach students organizing skills; and inspire and empower students to take action.
For more information check out www.bostoncan.net

Sunday, October 1, 2000

Ralph Nader Rally

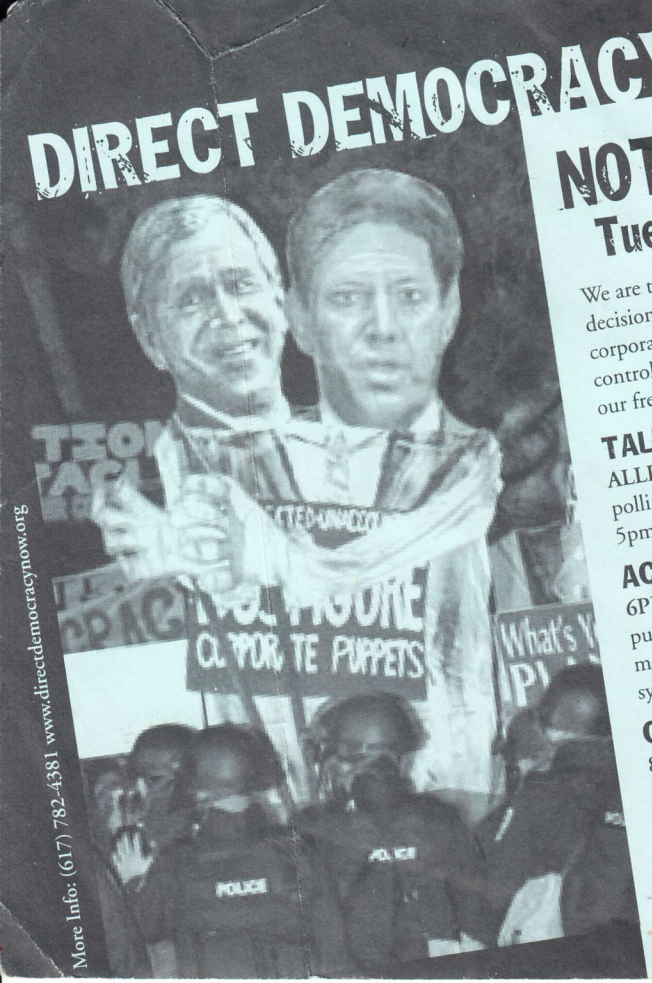
Time: 2pm, doors at 12:30
Location: Fleet Center, Green Line to North Station
Description: On Sunday, October 1st at 2pm at the Fleet Center in Boston, the NADER 2000 campaign, along with the New England Green Parties, will be holding a "Rally for Ralph!". This may be Ralph Nader's only New England speaking appearance. Also scheduled on the bill to speak are Howard Zinn, Noam Chomsky and possibly Susan Sarandon.

Monday, October 2, 2000

Senior Issues Summit and Rally

Time: 10 AM-3 PM
Location: 256 Freeport St Boston, MA
Description:

DIRECT DEMOCRACY!



NOT ELECTION HYPOCRISY!

Tuesday, Nov 7 Election Day

We are taking action this Election Day to create a real public debate about who should make decisions about the issues and resources that effect our communities – unaccountable politicians and corporations or the people in our communities. Let's expose the undemocratic, corporate-controlled elections that mask a system that is destroying our communities, our environment and our freedom, and celebrate directly democratic alternatives.

TALK!

ALLDAY: Join us giving out flyers, talking to our neighbors and performing street theater at polling and public spaces throughout Boston. Pick up informational flyers at Park St. T 8am-5pm or print out and copy from: www.directdemocracynow.org or make your own.

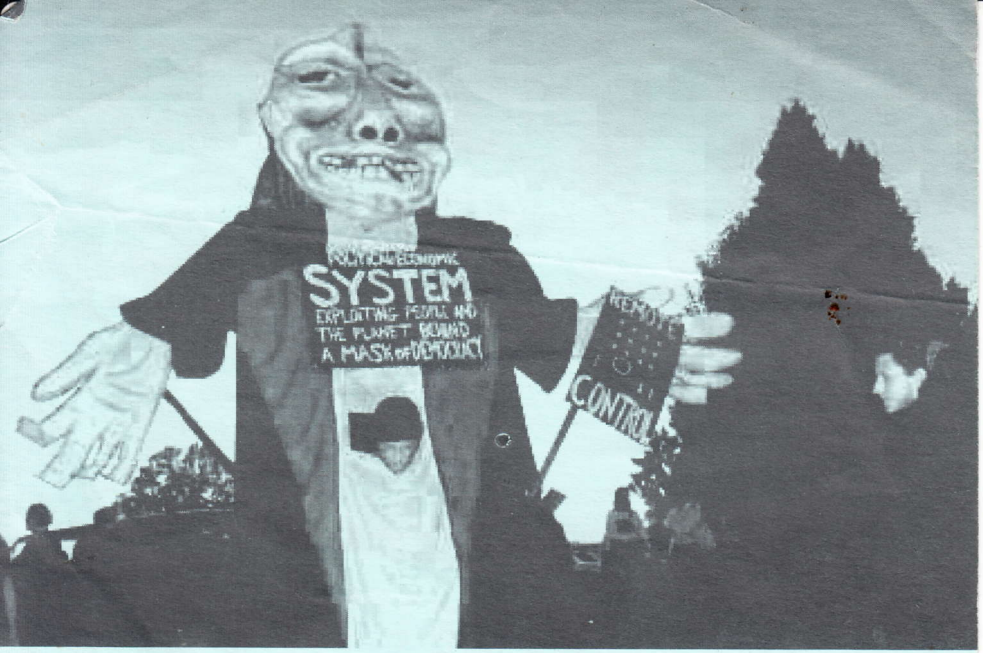
ACT!

6PM: Park St Station: Tour of Shame and Reclamation – A colorful procession of people and puppets will visit sites of the Democrat and Republican parties to voice our outrage at their mockery of democracy and visit places where the community has reclaimed power from the system, where the vision of a directly democratic society is at work in reality.

CELEBRATE!

8pm-Midnight: PEOPLE'S VICTORY CELEBRATION, Spontaneous Celebrations – David Rovics, street theater, music, word, dancing and food. Celebrate our grassroots movements victory in exposing the sham election at the party conventions in Phillie and LA, at the Presidential Debates and on Election Day. Celebrate the community groups and struggles that have taken back power from politicians and corporations. We can't let the Republicrats have all the fun, besides everyone knows we throw a better party!!! Free, All ages, No alcohol, donations gladly accepted. Spontaneous Celebrations is located at 54 Danforth St in Jamaica Plain, close to the Orange Line Stony Brook T stop

More Info: (617) 782-4381 www.directdemocracynow.org



Voting every two or four years between unaccountable, pre-selected politicians is not democracy. Even without the influence of wealthy corporations, even with campaign finance reform, even with third parties or well-meaning political candidates, the US political system isn't capable of being genuinely democratic. *It will not give us the power to better our communities or our lives.*

The list of problems in our lives not addressed by our current system goes on and on; Poverty and cuts in welfare, healthcare, education, public transportation and social services while the rich get richer; police brutality, racism and corruption; repression of grassroots activism; locking up of more and more youth; gentrification of our neighborhoods; skyrocketing rents and harassment of homeless people; political prisoners – like Mumia Abu Jamal – and the death penalty; poisoning of our air and water and killing of our forests; low wages, lousy, meaningless jobs, sweatshops and union busting; the World Trade Organization, International Monetary Fund, and World Bank forcing poverty, misery and environmental destruction around the globe for corporate profits.

These problems are all rooted in the same undemocratic political and economic system, controlled by big corporations, that hides behind staged political elections. We want real, direct democracy that gives everyone power over the decisions and resources that matter in our neighborhoods, towns, schools, and workplaces It's time we came together to stand up to this system and create directly democratic positive alternatives! A new world is possible and we are part of a global movement that is rising up to make it happen. Join us.

More Info: (617) 782-4381 www.directdemocracynow.org

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Conference:

Saturday & Sunday

Nov. 11-12

Worcester State College

Why Come?

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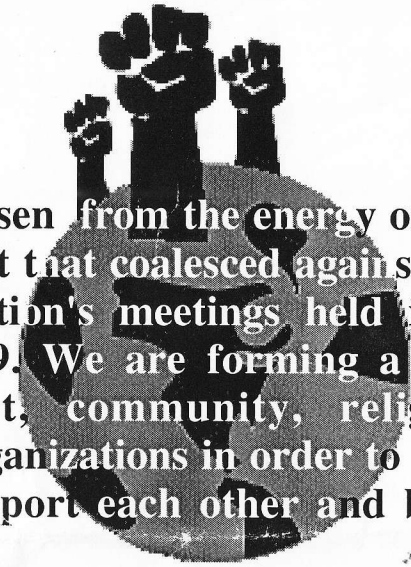
- For Teach-ins on:
  - The global economy
  - Free Trade Area of the Americas
  - IMF/World Bank/WTO
- To meet others from all across New England who are concerned about these issues
- Hear good music, eat good food, have good fun!

Learn, Discuss, & TAKE ACTION!

New England Global Action Network (NEGAN)

mobilizes people around issues of global and local economic justice, environmental protection, & human rights in the face of increasing control of the media, the world economy and our imagination by transnational corporations.



NEGAN has arisen from the energy of the broad-based movement that coalesced against the World Trade Organization's meetings held in Seattle at the end of 1999. We are forming a network of labor, student, community, religious and constituency organizations in order to concentrate our efforts, support each other and bring about greater change.

Global Action Network

Where is it ?

Worcester State College
Eager Auditorium
486 Chandler St.
Worcester, MA 01602
(for directions, see **www.worcester.edu**)

* Some housing available for Friday and Saturday nights in Worcester. Please let us know if you need a space.

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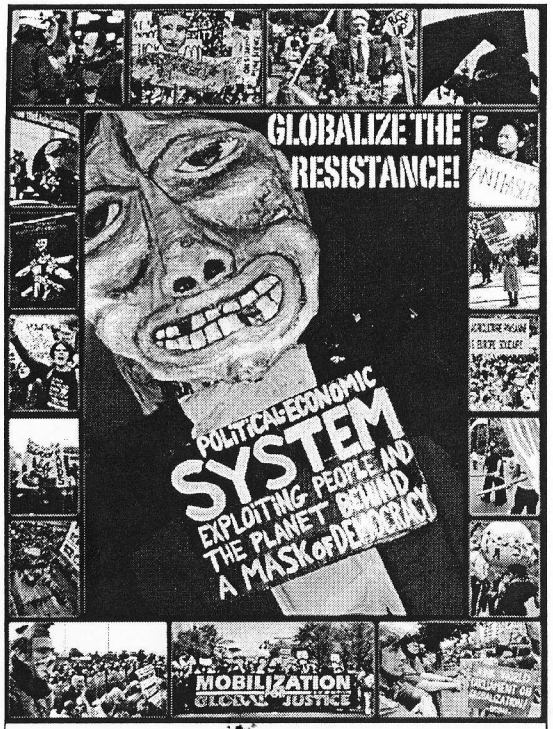

Building the Global Action Movement New England Conference

Saturday and Sunday
November 11 and 12, 2000

Worcester State College
Worcester, Massachusetts

617-524-8110

www.bostonglobalaction.org

New England is on the move!

As the anniversary of the "shutdown in Seattle" approaches, there are six Global Action Networks in the six New England states. They're organizing direct actions, allying with labor, building from past environmental struggles, and reaching out to the communities around them. And they're holding a conference to bring together everyone who cares about the global environment, sweatshops, democracy, capitalism, and the commodification of every sphere of human existence.

We expect three hundred people to attend. Check out the schedule and plan to be one of them!

For complete details check:
www.bostonglobalaction.org

Some Conference Highlights

- "The effects of NAFTA" – a workshop with Manuel Aguilar of Chiapas, Dave Bleakney of the Canadian Postal Workers Union, and a US labor leader.
- Creative resistance workshops facilitated by the *Freedom Rising* affinity group.
- "Coming at you: the FTAA" – First New England planning session to stop a huge and dangerous new trade treaty, referred to by some as "NAFTA on steroids" now being negotiated in capitals around the hemisphere.

Conference Agenda

Saturday morning, 10 am

Panel and workshops on corporate globalization and... immigrants, women, environment, prisons, militarism... plus "globalization for beginners."

Saturday afternoon, 2 to 6pm

Choice of tracks:

- Localizing the global movement: connecting with labor, immigrants, and faith communities.
- The Free Trade Area of the Americas and the April 2001 direct action in Quebec. We will start planning for the action and, at the conference, launch a five-year campaign to bury the FTAA!

Saturday evening

Street theater, music, party, and free time to connect with activists all over New England.

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Sunday morning, 9 to noon

Campaign and skills workshops including cross difference and interracial organizing, grassroots organizing, decision-making and activist skills.

Sunday afternoon, 1 to 3:30

Regional meetings -- group with people from your area and start planning next steps.